

THRILLING NARRATIVE OF CARRANZA'S LAST RAILROAD TRIP

(By Associated Press.)
MEXICO CITY, June 15.—A diary written by Alvaro Obregón, an Italian journalist, gives a vivid picture of the flight of President Carranza and his expedition, of 15,000 persons from Mexico City in the early afternoon of June 15, 1923, to the mountains where he was killed.

The diary discloses the fact that Carranza evidently foresaw his end, for before leaving Mexico City he was seen by him to leave the train to take refuge in the hills. "You saw me start my first journey in 1923 and you will see my last in 1928," he wrote in the diary as published by El Universal.

Left behind Don Venustiano Carranza in his heroic move against Huerta. Today I am leaving the capital with him to be, probably, a witness of his end. I am writing, seated on a bag of rice in the presidential supply car. The disorganization which prevails in the station yards is terrible. Nobody has the power to organize anything. The expedition appears like one to Africa (referring to the enormous amount of baggage). I just saw in a cage of lions at Huerta, just that used to amuse the women of the bourgeoisie in the Paseo de la Reforma.

At Aguascalientes he recorded: "Word has passed that the last three trains have been hit. It appears that good luck is with Don Venustiano. The word 'treason' is on every lip. The citizens are jammed in the cars like sardines. Our march is like that of a herd of savages. The military trains are filled with soldiers who have brought their children, domestic animals, dogs, chickens, and parrots. Their women cause the greatest disorder. In the trains are more than 10,000 persons and of these more than 5000 are women and children who weep, cry, cough, and snore and snore."

In front of the presidential train is a luxurious palanquin, a kind of symbol of disorganization and disorder. A number of girls, elegantly dressed, and a few elegant youths, comment and wave from the windows. They appear like picnicers.

We leave San Marcos at night with the lights out for the sunny meadows the rearward and flanks. The ill will of the trainmen has been noticeable since we left Mexico City. Air horns have disappeared from some of the trains and without brakes they threaten to crash into the ones preceding them. Water is becoming scarce. There has been no rainfall since we left the capital. The troops are demoralized. The leaders act independently. (General) Morúa ruins everything.

The first shots break the morning stillness. On horseback, followed by only a few men, Don Venustiano advances at a trot. The first wounded arrive. There are few medical supplies and the girls of the feminine train offer their petticoats as bandages. Nobody had time to think of medical dressings, but the noise of Carranza was not forgotten.

The President returns. He personally led forward the cavalry on the right flank when they began to retire. Morúa has flanked the enemy and defeated him. Under a mosquito-bush a deputy is coasting

PERSONAL VISIT TO THE VALLEY OIL WELL; DOWN 2400

Bright and early this morning a Daily Courier reporter visited the Valley oil well and found Bill Duncan and his assistant seriously at work.

Drilling had started promptly at 8 o'clock and as the reported progress of the derrick the drilling was continued. The 2400 cubic was with down and the "tiller" was started down to the bottom of the well.

As soon as the tiller reached bottom it was started on its return trip to the surface. The contents of the well was a thick creamy white substance as it flowed into the steel pipe.

Bill Duncan said they were not in a hurry and with the present equipment he could only make about five or six feet a day. Good time he added, would be made after he got through the present hard zone, so in all probability he would strike oil.

The greatest difficulty at present is water. The casing is full almost to within fifty feet of the surface, and so far Bill has been unable to shut it off.

The top casing is six inches in diameter and the lower is 1, and if it is found impracticable to go to a much greater depth with the present equipment it will be withdrawn and additional casing substituted and then later on the work will be added.

The one trouble with this proposition is that the original casing was cemented and it is a question whether the cement will permit removal.

In any event, drilling will be continued twelve hours a day until oil is discovered. China is reached or something in the way of a disastrous accident happens.

On the return trip to Columbus the reporter passed John Hines and his assistant hauling coal for the hotel and Messrs. Kniffin and Whitner on their way out to the well.

Resting in the rear seat of L. M. Carl's Chevrolet, with arms akimbo and legs swinging over the door, smoking one of Jim Poff's five in a package, the reporter had day dreams as to whether he should buy a Chevrolet, an Overland 1 or a Ford sedan, or better still put all the oil money into Columbus lots.

Well Struck Oil at 1000 Feet.
LORDSBURG, N. M., June 15.—The United States Oil and Refining Company is at work in the Gila valley oil field and the big new Imperial standard drilling rig steamed up for the first time this week at the well site. Geologists who have gone over this ground claim that the oil pool lies at a shallow depth and that the pool will be struck at about 1000 feet. F. C. Keller, the driller in charge, has had a wide experience in the Texas fields and his presence on this job guarantees rapid work. Barring accidents of any kind, Mr. Keller says he can drill to the depth calculated by geological estimate in the next thirty days.

This Well at 2000 Feet.
ROSWELL, N. M., June 15.—The National Exploration Company is making rapid progress on its well eight miles south of this city at Orchard Park. The material is now all on the ground and the 20-inch casing has been set with the exception of the last joint. This casing will be put down to a depth of 250 feet below the quicksand, which it is thought will stop all further trouble from that source. Two shifts have been put to work and the drilling will be continued with all possible speed until the required depth is reached. According to the reports of geologists who went over the ground, pay sand should be found at about 2000 feet.

Oil Found at Des Moines.
DES MOINES, Iowa, June 15.—That the Quincy Outcrop well near Greenville has actually struck oil is the report of S. C. Light, who returned from the well this week. Light brought with him several samples of oil which had been brought up in the hole, which according to prominent oil men is of very high quality. It is said the well is now down over 200 feet and that three wells have been penetrated and the next one will show oil in paying quantities. This well is said to be located on the largest section in the United States, and the outlook is most encouraging.

THE WEATHER.
degrees at 3:30 this afternoon was the highest temperature today and at 8 o'clock this morning was the lowest. Clear skies and sunshine.

2 KILLED, 40 INJURED; CALIFORNIA LIMITED IN WRECK

(By Associated Press.)
LA JOLLA, Calif., June 15.—At least two persons were killed today when the California Limited train, enroute on the Santa Fe Railroad, was wrecked at Roma, California, twelve miles south of La Jolla.

At the Santa Fe Hospital here it was announced that forty persons who were injured had been given treatment. Most of these hurt, it was stated, would recover.

The accident was said to have been caused by the breaking on a second engine of a side rail, which dug into the track, overturning the engine, dining car and three Pullmans.

And Still No Clue as to Who Murdered Export Whist Player
(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK CITY, June 15.—Victor von Behring, divorced husband of Viola Krause, who was one of the women in the dinner party at the home of Joseph H. Elwell, wealthy speculator and bridge whist expert, the night before he was found slain in his home, was today added to the long list of persons the police have questioned in an effort to gain some clue to Elwell's assassin.

Out of the city since Friday, the first Attorney Joyce, who is conducting the investigation, again questioned Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lawrence and Miss Krause, sister of Mrs. Lawrence. During the questioning of these persons the fact was brought out that the dinner party Elwell attended Thursday night was in celebration of Miss Krause's final decree of divorce from von Behring.

"Every man questioned thus far has been eliminated," District Attorney Joyce announced after concluding an interview with von Schlegel. "All clues so far advanced have led to 'blind alleys'."

Nicholas Murray Butler Is Called the Other Name
(By Associated Press.)
CINCINNATI, Ohio, June 15.—Colonel William Cooper Priester, manager of the unsuccessful campaign of Major General Leonard Wood for the Republican presidential nomination by the Chicago convention, on his arrival in Cincinnati from Chicago sent a telegram to Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University, stating his statement given out yesterday relative to Wood's support was wholly false and that it was given out with malicious disregard for the truth.

Dempsey Declared No Slacker by S. F. Jury
(By Associated Press.)
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., June 15.—The jury trying William Harrison "Jack" Dempsey, world's heavy weight champion pugilist, for alleged draft evasion, retired this morning at 10:30 to consider what should be their verdict.

(By Associated Press.)
SAN FRANCISCO, June 15, 1:30 p. m.—Jack Dempsey was found guilty on the selective draft evasion indictment by a jury in the federal court here today. The jury was out only six minutes.

Cantu Reappointed as Governor of Lower California
GALETON, Cal., June 15.—Governor Estaban Cantu of the northern district of Lower California yesterday received a telegram from Provisional President de la Huerta, reappointing him to that office, according to an announcement made in Galeton by Francisco Dato, the governor's brother-in-law.

The message was in response to communications from Senator Cantu and Hualahuera A. Altamira, recently appointed by that office by the provisional government, detailing the inability to agree as to where and when Benito Anaya was to assume office.

Senator Altamira departed yesterday for Mexico City to confer with the provisional president over the situation in Lower California.

Blue Print of New Railroad to Columbus
A blueprint of the proposed new railroad from Guerrero, Texas, through the Gila valley to Columbus is on exhibition at the Daily Courier office. Details will be announced later.

VILLA'S MEN ARE WELL MOUNTED AND NOT ONE A COWARD

(By Associated Press.)
EL PASO, Texas, June 15.—Francisco "Pancho" Villa is as much of a factor against the peace and prosperity of the state of Chihuahua as he ever has been, according to an American who, once enthusiastic supporter there, and who was in Parral when the town was attacked by Villistas.

"It is a mistake to think that Villa's claws have been cut as a result of the activity of the de facto forces which have taken the first against him," said the informant.

"Villa is as strong today as he has ever been while operating as an outlaw, and as much of a menace to Mexico."

"This is not remarkable in consideration of the fact that at least 90 per cent of his own class in Chihuahua idolize him. It is the business men and the property owners of the state who are his mortal enemies."

The secret of Villa's success in snatching prisoners lies in his wonderful faculty of mobilization. There is no military unit in Mexico so well equipped as his. His men are all excellently mounted. They have good horses, and every man in his command is provided with at least one extra horse. Many have two, and some have three.

They are thus assured of moving rapidly when pursuit becomes desperate. There is also no military column in Mexico so well clothed and so well disciplined as Villa's, and there is no reward to be found in his command. A reward wouldn't get by him with Villa.

"There is no doubt that honest efforts are being made to effect his capture by General Ignacio Escobedo and General Joaquín Amaro, but they are making little or no headway."

Enriquez is making an active campaign, and wherever he hears where Villa is he hastens there, moving his command to that point, but never with the necessary rapidity to gain a contact with the bandits. On such occasions as Enriquez has succeeded in getting close to Villa, the effects expended in a forced march have exhausted men and horses so that he has had to stop and rest while Villa romped away.

Enriquez made a remarkable march when he came on the double-track in time to save Parral. When word reached him that Villa was attacking the city, Enriquez was at Diaz, a village between Chihuahua City and Jimenez, sixty miles from Parral. He covered the sixty miles with his defenses unaltered in less than 22 hours, arriving at 3 o'clock the afternoon of June 2. Villa launched his attack the night before.

"While donkey firing had continued during the night between the Villistas, who were at the eastern edge of the town, and the Parral garrison, which comprised 800 men under the command of Colonel Leon, the attack did not become spirited until daylight, and notwithstanding the fact that the defenders brought machine guns into play, Villa had taken possession of the eastern half of Parral when word reached him that Enriquez and Escobedo were coming with reinforcements.

"This was 11 o'clock in the morning. Villa withdrew from Parral at that time and took his men to the Palmilla mill of the Alvarado Mining Company, five miles east of town, where he camped until Enriquez and Escobedo arrived. In then

THIRTY-FOUR KILLED; VILLA'S MEN ARE WELL MOUNTED AND NOT ONE A COWARD

disputed his losses, but these accounts and recovered bodies of his men, recovered by his own forces.

"While at the Palmilla mill, Villa did not attempt to dislodge the property. He contented himself with taking several horses belonging to the company."

"At Santa Barbara, where Villa's forces spent that night, he also took a number of horses belonging to the American Smelting and Refining Company. These, however, were returned to Santa Barbara the next day."

"The first intimation of Villa's impending attack on Parral came on June 1. Early that afternoon four truck loads of Vaque Indians left Parral for Jimenez with a load of Villista prisoners. Five miles from Parral they encountered Villa, and in the fight that ensued it is estimated that thirty-four of the Vaque were killed. I did not know how many Villistas were accounted for, but two days later I counted 18 dead Villa horses."

"News of Villa's approach was brought to Parral by returning Vaque. There was a great deal of excitement, naturally. All schools let out. People began leaving their houses against the coming attack and the garrison was stationed at strategic points outside the city. Villa did not reach Parral until after dark. In the fighting about 20 men were killed on each side."

"Villa seemed to be well supplied with money. He and his officers ate breakfast on the morning of June 2 in a Parral restaurant and paid their bill in full. They also paid for everything taken from the Parral stores, a thing I have never known Villa to do before. None of the civilians was molested."

"Villa is according to reports better treatment than ever before, and has publicly stated that Americans and other foreigners need have no fear of him or his men, as his quarrel is not with them."

"While there is a great show of troop trains and troops to be seen in central Chihuahua at this time, the soldiers of General Amaro, numbering about 6000, are concentrated for the most part in the large cities along the Mexican Central Railway. No patrol had been established along the railroad when I left Parral a few days ago, and if the trains are running on schedule it is because Villa wants them to run. There is nothing to prevent him from looting up the track at any of a number of isolated points."

THIRTY-FOUR KILLED; VILLA'S MEN ARE WELL MOUNTED AND NOT ONE A COWARD

"While there is a great show of troop trains and troops to be seen in central Chihuahua at this time, the soldiers of General Amaro, numbering about 6000, are concentrated for the most part in the large cities along the Mexican Central Railway. No patrol had been established along the railroad when I left Parral a few days ago, and if the trains are running on schedule it is because Villa wants them to run. There is nothing to prevent him from looting up the track at any of a number of isolated points."

Hurley Boy Has Hand Blown Off at the Wrist
Tuesday afternoon 12-year-old Dan Trigg of Hurley and with a serious accident, having his hand blown off by a giant cap with which he and a little companion were playing. The boys had found the cap and were playing with it when it exploded in young Trigg's hand, tearing it almost completely off at the wrist. The boy also suffered other injuries from the accident, a piece of the cap striking him in the eye and another inflicting a severe cut in the stomach. Fortunately his eye was not injured. The unfortunate lad is a son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Trigg, who live on Roma avenue and First street in Hurley.

NO SOUTHERN CHIVALRY.
(By Associated Press.)
BATON ROUGE, La., June 15.—The proposal to ratify the women's suffrage federal amendment was today defeated by the house of the Louisiana state assembly. The vote was 67 to 44.

Onyx

TONIGHT

Night of Comedies

'SHERIFF NELL'S COMEBACK'

Seventeen Sunshine Comedy in Two Parts

ALSO

MUTT and JEFF

AND A REPROACHING

Christie Comedy

Cantu Reappointed as Governor of Lower California

GALETON, Cal., June 15.—Governor Estaban Cantu of the northern district of Lower California yesterday received a telegram from Provisional President de la Huerta, reappointing him to that office, according to an announcement made in Galeton by Francisco Dato, the governor's brother-in-law.

The message was in response to communications from Senator Cantu and Hualahuera A. Altamira, recently appointed by that office by the provisional government, detailing the inability to agree as to where and when Benito Anaya was to assume office.

Senator Altamira departed yesterday for Mexico City to confer with the provisional president over the situation in Lower California.

Blue Print of New Railroad to Columbus

A blueprint of the proposed new railroad from Guerrero, Texas, through the Gila valley to Columbus is on exhibition at the Daily Courier office. Details will be announced later.

THE WEATHER.

degrees at 3:30 this afternoon was the highest temperature today and at 8 o'clock this morning was the lowest. Clear skies and sunshine.

99

COLUMBUS THEATER

TONIGHT

Madge Kennedy

'Strictly Confidential'

From

Servant K. Jerome's comedy

'FUNNY AND THE SERVANT PROBLEM'

"It's a Golden Picture."